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several men in whom I can depend  
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affairs.

In return for your photo-  
graphs which we were very glad to  
have I send you two or myself  
& wife.

I am glad you are getting  
so well with your carboniferous  
reptiles which are very interest-  
ing.

Walter

was with you

Chas Lyell

to Dawson

I told him I heard that you  
visited him in Canada -

C. Lyell  
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Chas Lyell

Wm Dawson

Correspondence

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~~Wm Dawson~~ ever most truly yr  
Chadwell

\* Kents Coam.